



Belief in the Angels

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created them from light, and He bestowed on them the bounty of obeying Him at all times. He gave them the power to carry and implement His orders, "And those who are near Him (the angels) are not too proud to worship Him, nor are they weary (of His worship). They glorify His praises night and day, (and) they never slacken (to do so)." [Al-Anbyiaa' 21:19-20]

{وَمَنْ عِنْدَهُ لَا يَسْتَكِبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِهِ وَلَا يَسْتَحْسِرُونَ (١٩) يُسَبِّحُونَ الْلَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ لَا يَفْتُرُونَ}
الأَنْبِيَاءُ : ٢٠-١٩

Transliteration: waman AAindahu la yastakbiroona AAan AAibadatihi wala yastahsiroona (19) Yusabbihoona allayla waalnnahara la yafturoona

They are so numerous that only Allah can count their numbers. Anas (radiyallaahu anhu) said, while narrating the story of the Prophet's (sallallaahu alaihi wa-sallam) ascension to heaven, that Al-Bait Al-Ma'moor (the House in heaven that is always inhabited. It is, for the inhabitants of heaven, like the Kaa'bah for the people of earth) was raised for the Prophet (sallallaahu alaihi wa-sallam) in heaven so he can see it. Each day, seventy thousand Angels pray in this House, and when they exit from it, they will never get back into it (this shows how numerous the angels are). [Saheeh al-Bukhari and Saheeh Muslim]

هذا البيت المعمور ، يصلي فيه كل يوم سبعون ألف ملك ، إذا خرجوا لم يعودوا إليه آخر ما عليه «
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1. Belief in their existence.
2. Belief in what we were told of their names, such as Jibreel, and also belief in other angels whom we were not informed of their names.
3. Belief in what we were told of their attributes. The example to this is the description of Jibreel. The Prophet (sallallaahu alaihi wa-sallam) told us that he saw Jibreel in the shape that Allah created him, having six hundred wings and larger than the horizon. The angels may change their shapes, by the order of Allah. They may take the shape of men. Allah sent Jibreel to Maryam (Mary) and he came to her in the shape of a man. He was also sent to Prophet Muhammad (sallallaahu alaihi wa-sallam), while he was sitting down with his companions, in the shape of a man, wearing very white clothes with very dark hair, a stranger to the companions, yet no evidence of traveling was apparent on him. He sat next to the Prophet and laid his knees next to the Prophet's knees and put his hands on the Prophet's thighs. He asked the Prophet about Islam, Iman, Ih'san (excellence in the religion) and the Last Hour and its signs. The Prophet (sallallaahu alaihi wa-sallam) answered him. Then, Jibreel left. The Prophet (sallallaahu alaihi wa-sallam) said to his companions, "This was Jibreel, He came to you to teach you your religion." [Saheeh Muslim popularly known as the HADEETH of JIBREEL]

«بَيْنَمَا نَحْنُ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ ذَاتِ يَوْمٍ، إِذْ طَلَعَ عَلَيْنَا رَجُلٌ شَدِيدٌ بِيَاضِ الثِّيَابِ» . شَدِيدٌ سُوَادُ الشَّعْرِ . لَا يَرَى عَلَيْهِ أثْرُ السَّفَرِ . وَلَا يَعْرَفُهُ مَنَا أَحَدٌ . حَتَّى جَلَسَ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، فَاسْتَنَدَ رَكْبَتِيهِ إِلَى رَكْبَتِيهِ، وَوَضَعَ كَفَيهِ عَلَى فَخْذَيْهِ، وَقَالَ: يَا مُحَمَّدًا! أَخْبِرْنِي عَنِ الْإِسْلَامِ... وَالإِيمَانِ، وَالسَّاعَةِ، وَأَمَارَتِهَا، فَأَجَابَهُ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَأَنْطَلَقَ.... قَالَ ثُمَّ انْطَلَقَ، فَلَبِثَتْ مُلِيًّا. ثُمَّ قَالَ لِي: يَا عُمَرًا! أَتَدْرِي مَنِ السَّائِلُ؟ قَلْتُ: اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ. قَالَ: فَإِنَّهُ

«جبريل أتاكم يعلمكم دينكم»

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Also, Allah sent the angels to Ibrahim (Abraham) and Lut in the shape of men.

4. Belief in the tasks that they perform, by the order of Allah. They praise Allah and worship him at all times without the slightest boredom or fatigue. Some angels may have special tasks to fulfill, a few have been mentioned below;

Jibreel: is the honorable angel, whom Allah sends down with revelation to the Prophets and Messengers.

Mikaeel: is the angel who is controlling rain and Vegetation by the order of Allah.

Israfeel: is the angel who must blow in the Horn when the Hour (Last Day) has started and when it is time to resurrect the dead.

Malik: is the keeper and supervisor of Hell.

The Angel of death: captures the souls at death.

There are angels who supervise fetuses in the wombs: When a fetus is four months old, Allah sends down an angel and orders him to record the fetus's sustenance, maximum age, deeds and if miserable (destined to Hell) or happy (destined to Paradise). There are angels who record deeds of mankind. They have a record of everyone's deeds. There are two angels for each person, one to the right and the other to the left.

There are other angels who question the dead when they are in their graves:

Two angels come to all dead persons and ask each one of them about the Lord he worshipped, the religion he followed and the Messenger he obeyed.

Benefits of Believing In The Angels

1. Knowing Allah's Might, Strength and Power. All the strength of creation is a sign of the Strength of the Creator.
2. Thanking Allah because He takes care of mankind. He appointed angels to protect them, record their deeds and other beneficial tasks.
3. Loving the angels because they are true worshippers of Allah.

Some misguided people reject that the angels exist in a physical form. They claim that the angels are the potential for good that creation possesses. This is a direct rejection to the Book of Allah, the Sunnah of His Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wa-sallam) and the Ijmaa' (consensus) of Muslims. Allah said, what translated means: "All the praises and thanks be to Allah, the (Only) Originator of the heavens and the earth, Who made the Angels messengers with wings, two or three or four)." [35:1],

﴿الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ فَاطِرِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ جَاعِلِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ رُسُلًا أُولَئِكَ أَجْنِحَةٌ مَّشْتَى وَثُلَاثَ وَرْبَعَ﴾
فاطر: 1

Transliteration: Alhamdu lillahi fatiri alssamawati waalardi jaAAili almalaikati rusulan olee ajnihatin mathna wathulatha warubaAAa

"And if you could see when the angels take away the souls of those who disbelieve (at death), they smite their faces and their backs." [Al-Anfal 8:50],

﴿وَلَوْ تَرَى إِذْ يَتَوَفَّى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِلْمَلَائِكَةُ يَصْرِيبُونَ وُجُوهَهُمْ وَأَذْبَرَهُمْ﴾
الأنفال: 50

Transliteration: Walaw tara ith yatawaffa allatheena kafaroo almalaikatu yadriboona wujoothahum waadbarahum

"And if you could but see when the unjust (disbelievers) are in the agonies of death, while the angels are stretching forth their hands (saying): "Deliver your souls." [Al-An'am 6:93]

{وَلَوْ تَرَى إِذ الظَّالِمُونَ فِي غَمَرَاتِ الْمَوْتِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ بَاسِطُوا أَيْدِيهِمْ أَخْرِجُوهَا أَنفُسَكُمْ}
الأنعام: 93

Tranlisteration: walaw tara ithi althalimoona fee ghamarati almawti waalmalaikatu basitoo aydeehim akhrijoo anfusakumu

"Until when fear is banished from their (the angels') hearts, they (the angels) say: "What is that your Lord has said?" They say: "The Truth. "And He is the Most High, the Most Great" [Saba' 34:23]

{حَتَّىٰ إِذَا فُزِعَ عَن قُلُوبِهِمْ قَالُوا مَاذَا قَالَ رَبُّكُمْ قَالُوا الْحَقُّ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ الْكَبِيرُ}
سبأ: 23

Transliteration: hatta itha fuzziAAa AAan quloobihim qaloo matha qala rabbukum qaloo alhaqqa wahuwa alAAaliyyu alkabeeru

And, "And angels shall enter unto them from every gate (saying): "Peace be upon you for that you preserved in patience! Excellent indeed is the final Home (Paradise)." [Ar-Ra'd 13:23-24]

{وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ عَلَيْهِم مِنْ كُلِّ بَابٍ (٢٣) سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِمَا صَبَرْتُمْ فَنِعْمَ عَقْبَى الدَّارِ}

الرعد: 24-23

Transliteration: waalmaikatu yadkhuloona AAalayhim min kulli babin (23)

Salamun AAalaykum bima sabartum faniAAma AAuqba alddari

The Messenger of Allah (sallallaahu alaihi wa-sallam) said, what translated means, "When Allah likes a slave, He calls on Jibreel, saying: 'Allah loves so and so (person), therefore, love him.' Then, Gibreal loves him. Afterwards, Jibreel calls on the inhabitants of heaven, saying: 'Allah loves so and so (person), therefore, love him.' Then, the people of heaven love him. Afterwards acceptance (among the community of believers) will be granted for him in earth."

[Saheeh al-Bukhari]

إذا أحب الله العبد نادى جبريل: إن الله يحب فلانا فأحببه، فيحبه جبريل، فينادي جبريل في أهل السماء: إن الله يحب فلانا فأحبوه، فيحبه أهل السماء، ثم يوضع له القبول في الأرض
رواه البخاري

and, "When the day of Friday comes, there stand angels at each of the Masjid's doors. They record the first then the next (one to come to the Masjid). When the Imam sits down (waiting for the call to prayer to end so he can start the speech), they close the books and they come to listen to the Thikr (the remembrance of Allah contained in the Friday speech)." [Saheeh al-Bukhari]

إذا كان يوم الجمعة، كان على كل باب من أبواب المسجد الملائكة، يكتبون الأول فالأول، فإذا»
«جلس الإمام طعوا الصحف، وحاووا يستمعون الذكر
رواه البخاري

The above texts are clear in their meaning that the angels have physical forms and are not a state of the mind, as the misguided claim. The true meaning of these texts, which states that the angels exist in a physical form, is accepted by the entire Ummah.

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